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Chair: Mr. Morejón ..... (Ecuador)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.25 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

1. *The agenda was adopted.*

2. **The Chair** informed the Committee that the delegation of Brazil had indicated its wish to participate in the work of the Committee as an observer.

Caribbean regional seminar (A/AC.109/2013/17)

3. **The Chair** recalled that the Government of Ecuador had offered to host the Caribbean regional seminar in Guayaquil, Ecuador, from 28 to 30 May 2013. As in the past, the Committee would also celebrate the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories at the seminar. If there was no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to proceed accordingly.

4. *It was so decided.*

Guidelines, rules of procedure and agenda of the seminar

5. **The Chair** drew attention to the guidelines and rules of procedure and the provisional agenda for the seminar, as contained in document A/AC.109/2013/17. The text was basically the same as in previous years, except for the venue, dates and languages to be used by the seminar, English and Spanish, to reflect the fact that it was being held in a Spanish-speaking country. He took it that the Committee wished to approve the guidelines and rules of procedure and agenda of the seminar.

6. *It was so decided.*

Composition of the official delegation of the Special Committee

7. **The Chair** recalled that the Committee's official delegation to the seminar would comprise the Chair and Bureau members plus one Committee member from each regional group represented on the Committee. The Group of Eastern European States would be represented by its sole member on the Committee, the Russian Federation; the other three regional groups should undertake the necessary consultations to present official nominations without any delay. The United Nations would bear the travel costs of the delegation. He had also approached the Director of the United Nations Development Programme Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean to assist in covering the cost of a larger delegation and was awaiting a response.

Extension of invitations to experts and organizations

8. **The Chair** said that the Bureau had decided to maintain the Committee's practice of extending seminar invitations to selected experts and representatives of non-governmental organizations. The list had been reviewed by the Bureau and submitted to the Committee for its authorization.

9. He took it that the Committee wished to authorize the Chair to finalize the list of experts and organizations invited to the seminar.

10. *It was so decided.*

11. **The Chair**, recalling that the Committee maintained a database of experts on issues relevant to the Committee's work, renewed his invitation to all Committee members to submit the names of any independent experts from their countries and regions for inclusion in the database and possible consideration for subsequent seminars.

Extension of invitations to representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories

12. **The Chair** said that, in accordance with the established practice of the Committee, invitations to the seminar would also be extended to all elected and appointed officials of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, as well as to Member States that were not members of the Committee, administering Powers, specialized agencies within the United Nations system and some regional organizations. The United Nations would bear the travel costs of only three experts, three non-governmental organizations and the representatives of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

Other matters

13. **The Chair** informed the Committee that he had been notified that all the administering Powers had met their obligations under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations with regard to the provision of information on the economic, social and educational conditions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their jurisdiction for 2012.

The meeting rose at 10.40 a.m.